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REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

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Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicants hereby request a one-month extension of time, to and including June 7, 1980, in which to respond to the Official Action dated February 7, 1980.

This is a $\underline{\text{first}}$ request for extension of time in the subject application.

The reason for this <u>first</u> request is to enable additional dialogue between the undersigned and technical representatives of the assignee hereof respecting the substantive metes and bounds of the Official Action outstanding hereagainst. Granting of this request should afford ample opportunity to carry out the above aim, and thence to prepare and timely file the most meaningful complete response to said outstanding Official Action.

Therefore, consideration is requested in the light of the policy for interpretation and application of 136(b) promulgated at 835 O.G. 716.

For the above reasons, granting of this request is earnestly solicited.

> Respectfully submitted, BURNS, DOANE, SWECKER & MATHIS

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